

ABSTRACT:

In an input unit (3) which can be operated by foot for a computer (1) which forms a dictating machine with foot-operated input means (24) for manually inputting control information (SI) by which information an audio reproduction mode of the dictating machine can be activated (25) or deactivated (26), and which, with activated audio reproduction mode, can deliver audio information (AI) stored in the dictating machine as an analog audio signal (AS3) to headphones (34) or a loudspeaker (32) respectively, and includes connection means (28, 33, 35) for connecting the input unit (3) to the computer (1) while the control information (SI) can be delivered to the computer (1) via the connection means (28, 33, 35), the connection means (28, 33, 35) are arranged for receiving the audio information (AI) as digital audio data from the computer (1) and for delivering the control information (SI) to the computer (1) over a digital data bus link and the headphones (34) or the loudspeaker can be connected to the connection means (28, 33, 35).

Fig. 3